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50X1 1. An organization known as PS (Pohranicni Straz - Border Guards) was responsible for the security of Czech border areas. The main function of the PS was to guard the borders from persons trying to escape from Czechoslovakia. [redacted] the best-controlled section of the Czechoslovak border was that bordering the American Zone of Germany between Cheb and Podmokly. [redacted] large units of the Czech Army were located along this entire section. Rumor had it that the border between Cheb and Podmokly was wired and that the wires were connected to alarm signals located at intervals between 200 - 300 m apart. Lookout posts were said to be located in this area and, presumably, were equipped with searchlights and machine gun emplacements.



50X1 2. [redacted] anti-tank obstacles were being built in the Cheb - Podmokly border area. All fortifications built during the Benes Republic were being modernized [redacted] and anti-aircraft installations were being camouflaged by covering them with earth. [redacted]

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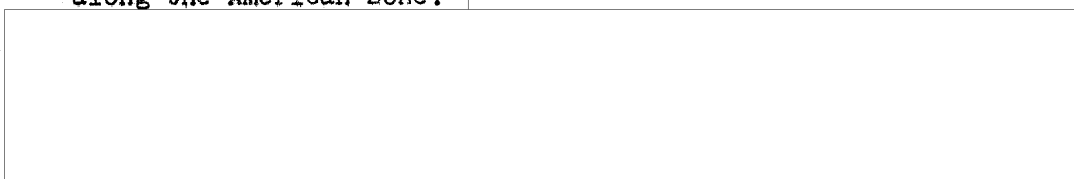
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50X1 3.  the sections bordering the Soviet Zone of
Germany and Austria were not as heavily guarded as the border
along the American Zone. 

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